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SUBJECT: JAPAN REQUESTING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN TRILATERAL
COUNTERTERRORISM WORKSHOP

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Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Ronald J. Post for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (U) This is an action request for the Department. Please see paragraph six.

12. (C) SUMMARY: Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) are planning to hold a trilateral Japan-U.S.-Australia counterterrorism one-day workshop some time from May 11-22 and are soliciting U.S. comments, ideas, and participation. The workshop -- derived from the regular trilateral strategic dialogue -- will focus on "counter-radicalization" or "support for moderate communities." All sides will discuss the results of the workshop during the Fifth Trilateral Ambassadorial Consultations, which Japan will host this fall. END SUMMARY

13. (C) International Counterterrorism Cooperation Division Director Katsuro Nagai told Embassy Tokyo that counter-radicalization has been a topic of subgroups in the past, but this year the issue will be the focus of trilateral working-level talks scheduled for some time from May 11-22. He underscored the importance of using "grass roots efforts" in education, poverty eradication, and community building, for example, to counter terrorist recruitment. One of the objectives of the workshop would be to assess the best ways to provide assistance to local schools and madrassas. More generally, the workshop would serve as a venue to exchange lessons learned, share experiences, and discuss potential future cooperation. Washington's renewed engagement in Southeast Asia, as signified by Secretary Clinton's trip to the region in February, offers opportunities for broader bilateral and trilateral coordination, particularly on issues related to Indonesia, an original ASEAN member and the world's most populous Muslim country, Nagai stressed.

14. (C) MOFA envisions inviting 5-10 people from each trilateral side, including academics or "research scientists," and law enforcement representatives. We are looking for a "diverse" field of participants, Nagai said.

MOFA'S Workshop Proposal

15. (C) MOFA's draft proposal is as follows:

Date:

One day, some time between May 11 and May 22, 2009

Venue:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Room 893

Purpose:

Radicalization and recruitment by terrorists and terrorist groups are among the most serious phenomena in Southeast Asia. This problem should be urgently tackled in a broad context. We will share information on what each trilateral partner has done to counter this issue and try to coordinate our efforts as far as possible.

Participants:

-Five-ten participants (working level) from each trilateral partner.
-Japanese participants are expected from the Ministry of

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Foreign Affairs, the National Police Agency, the Public Security Intelligence Agency, and possibly some researchers working in this field.

Agenda:

-Presentation by trilateral partners on the kind of assistance provided to Southeast Asian countries to support moderate communities and prevent radicalization from spreading.
-Discussions on possible coordination of assistance.
-Discussions from counter-radicalization perspective on how to counter propaganda conducted by terrorists and terrorist groups.

Other:

Results of the workshop will be reported to the Fifth Trilateral Ambassadorial Consultations, which Japan will host in the fall.

Action Request

16. (C) Embassy invites comments and questions from the Department and requests guidance on information concerning potential U.S. participation. DHS/ICE at post has participated in the past and looks forward to the upcoming workshop. Embassy point of contact is Political Officer Jamie Roane (roanejo@state.gov). Our Australian counterparts received the same MOFA brief and are currently studying ideas for the agenda.
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